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Re: Entry into National Stage for:
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Intl. Filing Date: July 29, 2004
For: **A Process for Preparing L-Threonine**
Inventor(s): Kruse, *et al.*
Atty. Dkt.: 7601/88025

Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Application Data Sheet;
2. A copy of PCT/EP2004/008470 as filed on July 29, 2004, and naming as inventor(s):

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3. Preliminary Amendment;
4. The marked-up copy of the Substitute Specification;
5. Submission of the Substitute Specification;
6. The Substitute Specification, comprising:
 - 37 pages of Specification (numbered as pages 1-37),
 - 6 pages of Claims (numbered as pages 38-43),
 - a one-page Abstract (numbered as page 44), and
 - 14 pages of Sequence Listing (numbered separately as pages 1-14);
7. A 3.5 inch computer diskette containing a computer readable form of the Sequence Listing;
8. A copy of the PCT Request;
9. A copy of the PCT application, as published;
10. A copy of the International Search Report;
11. A copy of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority;
12. General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
13. General Authorization to Charge Deposit Account;
14. A copy of PCT/IB/304, Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of the Priority Document;

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15. A copy of PCT/IB/308 Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application to the Designated Offices; and
16. Two (2) return postcards.

This application represents U.S. national stage of international application PCT/EP2004/008470, which had an international filing date of July 29, 2004. The international application claims priority to German applications 103 37 028.5, filed on August 12, 2003; and 10 2004 029 639.1, filed on June 18, 2004. In addition, the international application claims priority to United States provisional application 60/494,566, filed on August 13, 2003. The present application claims priority to these previously filed counterparts and incorporates them by reference.

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), Applicants' undersigned attorney hereby states that the content of the paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith are the same.

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Applicant(s) calculate the filing fee as follows:

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Natl. Stage Application Size Fee				\$ 200.00	
Claims in Excess of 20	21	20 =	1	\$ 50.00	50.00
Independent Claims in Excess of 3	1	3 =	0	\$ 200.00	0.00
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The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fees listed above to our Deposit Account No. 06-1135 under Order No. 7601/88025. The Director is also authorized to charge any fee deficiency with respect to this filing and any other fee required in connection with the present case, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 06-1135 under Order No. 7601/88025.

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Respectfully requested,

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Sir:

Submitted herewith is the Substitute Specification. Applicants hereby state that the amendments made to the Substitute Specification do not add new matter to the application, and request that the Substitute Specification be used in future prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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